



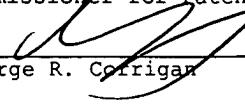
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NEW PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. ITW 13128.02

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FOR: Method and Apparatus For Welding and Control Thereof

This new application is a divisional of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/366102, filed February 12, 2003, entitled Method and Apparatus For Welding and Control Thereof, which is a divisional of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/884235, filed June 19, 2001, entitled Method and Apparatus For Welding and Control Thereof.

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The undersigned hereby verifies that the foregoing papers are a true copy of what is shown in our records to be the above identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed.

**Amendments:**

Please replace the cross-reference to related application section with the following:

This is a divisional of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/366102, filed February 12, 2003, entitled Method and Apparatus For Welding and Control Thereof, which is a divisional of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/884235, filed June 19, 2001, entitled Method and Apparatus For Welding and Control Thereof.

Please cancel claim(s) 1-37 of the application as filed prior to calculating the filing fee.

A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

**Assignment**

The prior application is assigned of record to Illinois Tool Works Inc.

**Copendency of Prior Application:**

The prior application is presently pending.

**Power of Attorney:**

The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to the undersigned and appears in the original papers in the prior application.

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED  
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| Basic Fee (770)                             | = | \$770.00 |
| Total Claims 33 minus 20 = 13 x \$ 18.00    | = | \$234.00 |
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